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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please cancel claims 2-5; amend claims 1, 7, 20, 28, 34-35, and 46; and add new claims 53-7\$ (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 1 and 6-73 read as follows:

1. (Amended) An impact absorbing composite, the impact absorbing composite comprising: a plurality of impact absorbing members, the impact absorbing members being solid,

and predominantly free of voids; and

a flexible layer, each impact absorbing member attached to the flexible layer.

6. The impact absorbing composite of claim 1 wherein the impact absorbing members are formed of closed cell polymeric foam.

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